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Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)

Redwood National Park Culvert Replacement and Watershed Restoration (WDID# 1B03148WNHU)

Humboldt County

On August 8, 2003, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Redwood National Park requesting a Water Quality Certification and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for culvert replacement on Strelow Creek and removal of two culverts and three bridges from Larry Damm Creek. The application was deemed complete on August 28, 2003. The proposed project causes disturbances to waters of the state associated with Prairie Creek and the Redwood Creek Hydrologic Unit No.107.00.

The proposed projects are located between Berry Glen and Elk Prairie approximately four miles north of Orick, Humboldt County, California. The purpose of the projects is to restore natural hydrologic function and reduce the threats to park resources due to failure of old logging roads.

The project proposes to remove all artificial road fill and bridge and culvert materials from the channel of Larry Damm Creek and restore the natural channel and hillslopes to a morphology that existed prior to road construction. Woody debris, which has accumulated behind channel obstructions, will be removed and used to help protect exposed slopes from post-excavation surface erosion. The 36-inch culvert on Strelow Creek will be replaced by a 5-foot bottomless arched culvert. The culvert replacement will require no discharge of fill as all excavated material will be reincorporated into the rebuilt road fill prism. The total area of wetlands to be disturbed is approximately 0.38 acre.

The United States Department of the Interior has determined that this project qualifies for a Finding of No Significant Impact pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

These projects are scheduled to begin after August 1, 2003, and end in 2003. Staff is proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act Authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments received during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact staff member Albert Wellman at (707) 576-2665, or at wella@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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